

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 704
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Larry Davis of Lawrence County
on being named the 2003 South Lawrence
Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted themselves to professional excellence in teaching and education administration in order to provide the children in their respective communities with the best educational opportunities possible, and in doing so, have become community leaders of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such committed educator is Mr. Larry Davis, who was named Lawrence County Superintendent of Schools in August of 2003 and officially assumed that office on December 31, 2003; a lifelong resident of Lawrence County, Mr. Davis grew up in Henryville and attended Henryville and Summertown Elementary Schools and graduated from Summertown High School; and

WHEREAS, Larry Davis received an Associate Science Degree from Columbia State Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University, a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision of Elementary and High Schools from the University of North Alabama, and a Master's degree and 30 hours in Education from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis began his teaching career in 1975 at Loretto Elementary School, and moved to Loretto two years later; he taught the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Loretto Elementary School until 1984, when the school was consolidated and South Lawrence Elementary opened. Larry Davis then taught 7th and 8th grade English and coached girls' basketball at South Lawrence and girls' softball at Loretto High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Davis became Assistant Principal at South Lawrence where he remained until September of 2003; he assisted in coaching the Loretto Lady Mustang Basketball Team during the two seasons previous to the present season; and

WHEREAS, the rewards and challenges of his career aside, Larry Davis enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Sharon White Davis, and their children, Shannon and Nick; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis brings to the Superintendent's office his passion for children and his commitment to the best educational experience possible for those in his charge; he brings to bear his background and perspectives as a teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, and Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, perhaps more importantly, Larry Davis relates to the children of Lawrence County as a friend; the fact that former students call him or visit him, often asking for his advice and counsel, attests to the nature of that relationship; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of his community, a problem solver and leader, Mr. Davis brings a unique gift of dealing with people of all ages to his new task; his caring and compassionate manner in approaching troubling situations and seemingly intractable problems to bring peace and order bode well for his effectiveness as Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pause in their deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding educator, effective leader, and compassionate human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mr. Larry Davis upon being named the 2003 South Lawrence Citizen of the Year, commend him on his outstanding career as a teacher, coach, and administrator, and offer him our heartiest wishes for every success as the Lawrence County Superintendent of Schools and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.